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54 **Process for the production of a laminar article and such article containing information in a hydrophilic colloid stratum.**

57 A process for the production of a sealed laminar article especially a security document as illustrated in Figure 2 comprising a support sheet, an image layer containing a photographic image contained in a hardened hydrophilic diffusion transfer reversal image-receiving colloid medium and a protective sheet is described wherein:

(1) a support sheet (8) of a polymeric heat meltable material is provided,

(2) an image layer (3, 4) is disposed adherently on the support (8) to cover the support (8) only partly to provide at least one edge area of said support sheet (8) to be free of said image layer (3, 4),

(3) a protective sheet (1) is provided of a heat-meltable material which in the melted state is capable of forming a homogeneous mass with melt support sheet material (8),

(4) said protective sheet (1) is heat sealed to said support sheet (8) in the areas (9) of the support free of said image layer (3, 4) to provide said homogeneous mass, whereby said image layer (3, 4) is sealed between said support (8), said protective sheet (1) preventing thereby peeling apart of said support (8) and protective sheet material (1).

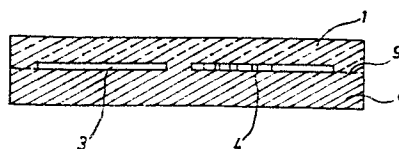


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